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SUBJECT: "CARABANCHEL TEN" (OR "1001 CASE") TRIAL

REF: A) MADRID 7353; B) MADRID 7428; C) MADRID 7429

1. LISTED BELOW ARE "CARABANCHEL TEN," THE TEN
PROMINENT WORKER COMMISSION LEADERS WHO WERE ARRESTED
WHILE CONDUCTING A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATING
COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED WORKERS COMMISSION
ON JUNE 24, 1972, IN A MONASTERY IN THE MADRID SUBURB OF
POZUELO, AND WHOSE TRIAL HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER

20. LISTED NEXT TO EACH OF THE "CARABANCHEL TEN" ARE
THEIR PRINCIPAL DEFENDING LAWYERS (THE LAWYERS' LINEUP
HAS UNDERGONE VARIOUS CHANGES DURING PAST YEAR). THE

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LINEUP IS THUS AS FOLLOWS:

DEFENDANTS

LAWYERS

MARCELINO CAMACHO ABAD	JOSE MARIA GIL ROBLES Y
QUINONES	
NICOLAS SARTORIUS ALVAREZ	MARCIAL FERNANDEZ MONTES
EDUARDO SABORIDO GALAN	ADOLFO CUELLAR
FERNANDO SOTO MARTIN	FRANCISCO COSSIO
FRANCISCO ACOSTA ORGE	CRISTINA ALMEIDA DE CASTRO
JUAN MARCOS MUNIZ ZAPICO	JOSE MANUEL LOPEZ LOPEZ
PDERO SANTISTEBAN HURTADO	GUILLERMO GARCIA LACUNZA
MIGUEL ANGEL ZAMORA ANTON	FRANCISCA SAUQUILLO
LUIS FERNANDEZ COSTILLA	ENRIQUE BARON

2. ALTHOUGH ALL OF THE "CARABANCHEL TEN," EXCEPT THE PRIEST, ARE REPORTED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE PCE (SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY), THE TEAM OF DEFENSE LAWYERS REPRESENTS A WIDE RANGE OF THE OPPOSITION POLITICAL SPECTRUM. THUS, RUIZ GIMENEZ AND GIL ROBLES REPRESENT THE LEFT AND RIGHT WINGS RESPECTIVELY OF THE OPPOSITION CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, FERNANDEZ MONTES IS A LIBERAL NOT IDENTIFIED WITH ANY SPECIFIC FACTION, JOSE MANUEL LOPEZ AND CRISTINA ALMEIDA ARE PROMINENT COMMUNIST LAWYERS, FRANCISCA SAUQUILLO REPRESENTS CLANDESTINE EXTREMIST ORT LABOR ORGANIZATION, AND ENRIQUE BARON IS ONE OF LEADERS OF MODERATE CATHOLIC USO CLANDESTINE LABOR CONFEDERATION. LAWYERS LINEUP, ALTHOUGH MOSTLY CONSISTING OF MADRID LAWYERS, ALSO HAS SOME CONCESSIONS TO GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION; E.G., BOTH CUELLAR AND COSSIO ARE LAWYERS FROM SEVILLE (THE LATTER IS A FORMER DEAN OF THE SEVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION) AND GARCIA LACUNZA IS A BASQUE FROM BILBAO, AS WELL AS TO FEMALE REPRESENTATION (BOTH ALMEIDA AND SAUQUILLO ARE WOMEN LAWYERS). ADDITIONALLY, EACH LAWYER WILL HAVE SEVERAL OTHER LAWYERS ASSISTING HIM; E.G., FERNANDEZ MONTES WILL BE ASSISTED BY PCE LAWYERS JAIME SARTORIUS, COUSIN OF NICOLAS SARTORIUS; GIL ROBLES WILL HAVE HIS SON, JAIME GIL ROBLES, ASSISTING; AND JOAQUIN RUIZ GIMENEZ, WILL BE ASSISTED BY A YOUNG MEMBER OF HIS LAW OFFICE, LEOPOLDO TORRES BOURSALT, WHO IS ALSO A PSOE "YOUNG TURK" SOCIALIST.

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3. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH LABATT DURING RECENT DAYS, TWO DIFFERENT OPPOSITION LAWYERS INVOLVED IN CASE HAVE LAMENTED COINCIDENCE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO SPAIN DURING SAME WEEK SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAS SCHEDULED THE MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL TRIAL IN THREE YEARS.

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